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SUBJECT: MILITARY UTILITY AND POLICY VALUE OF MASTER  
DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE 012376

1. OUR MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA WAS SIGNED IN 1962. A NUMBER OF  
DATA EXCHANGE ANNEXES WERE SIGNED IN 1962-1965, BUT  
ARE NOW INACTIVE OR TERMINATED. SINCE 1972 ELEVEN  
ANNEXES HAVE BEEN SIGNED, ALL OF WHICH ARE STILL  
ACTIVE.

2. THE R AND D OFFICE IN MAA&/ROC ADMINISTERS THE  
DEA AND ANNEXES AS ONE OF ITS VARIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES.D  
HOWEVER, WE DO NOT JUDGE THAT THIS ACTIVITY HAS ANY  
EFFECT ON DOD MANNING LEVELS IN THE ROC. MAAG/ROC  
IS REDUCING IN SIZE, AND MAN-HOURS AVAILABLE FOR  
R AND D WORK WILL PROBABLY BE REDUCED IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE.

3. MAAG R AND D PERSONNEL HOLD MONTHLY CONFER-  
ENCES WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION AND SCIENCE  
ADVISER. MAAG SEEKS KEMBASSY CONCURRENCE BEFORE  
RESPONDING TO ANY ROC REQUEST FOR AN ANNEX, THUS  
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GIVING AMBASSADOR EFFECTIVE POLICY CONTROL.

4. WE KNOW OF NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEA ANNEXES AND ANY ACTUAL OR PROPOSED PRODUCTION OF CO-PRODUCTION IN THE ROC.

5. RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF ANNEXES, WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE FOR ONLY A FEW YEARS, AND RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF INFORMATION SO FAR EXCHANGED THEREUNDER, ARE PROBABLY INSUFFICIENT TO CREATE EXPECTATIONS ON PART OF ROC THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. INSTEAD, FACT THAT SOME OF THEIR REQUESTS HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN SHOULD HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT.

6. BENEFIT OF THE DEA AND ANNEXES IS, QUITE NATURALLY, ONE-SIDED. R AND D INFORMATION DERIVED BY THE ROC CONTRIBUTES TO ROC R AND D EFFORTS, AND ULTIMATELY IN SOME DEGREE TO THEIR ABILITY TO PRODUCE LOCALLY-DESIGNED MILITARY ARTICLES. THE ONLY REVERSE FLOW OF INFORMATION HAS BEEN ON ALUMINUM-COATED POLY-ESTER CHAFF DEVELOPED BY THE ROC.

7. IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT THE USG HAS "GOTTEN ITS MONEY'S WORTH" FROM THE DATA PROVIDED UNDER THE ANNEXES. IN TERMS OF OUR TOTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ROC, IT IS AN EXTREMELY SMALL CONTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, AS OUR PHYSICAL PRESENCE ON TAIWAN DIMINISHES, AND AS OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP PHASES FROM GRANT ASSISTANCE TO CREDIT (ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED) TO CASH, SMALL SCALE PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE EEAON#INCREASED (THOUGH STILL ESSENTIALLY SMALL) SIGNIFICANCE.

8. WE KNOW OF NO WAY IN WHICH THE DEA OR ANNEXES HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MISSION OR OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ROC. UNDER

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